

our bills together." Robert said two things form the cornerstone of his 60-year marriage: Love and understanding.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING MILLARD FULLER

• Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, this week, Millard Fuller, cofounder of Habitat for Humanity, passed away. Millard Fuller dedicated his life to helping families fulfill the dream of homeownership. Fuller was a selfless entrepreneur who left his fruitful career to start a nonprofit organization that used no-interest loans and "sweat equity" to give low income families the chance to own their own homes. I can tell you from firsthand experience that Fuller made a huge difference in the lives of thousands of American families.

Millard Fuller's efforts didn't stop at our national borders. Indeed, Habitat for Humanity builds homes in partnership with homeowners in virtually every country on the planet.

Fifteen years ago, I was the executive director for Habitat for Humanity in Portland, OR. Helping build homes for those who couldn't otherwise afford them provides stability and gives families confidence.

I saw in the faces of the Habitat family members how much it meant to own their own homes. These homes were also important to the children. I remember one family with two young daughters who were so excited to be able to have their friends over for the very first time in their lives.

Millard Fuller will be missed, but his legacy and organization will live on. I know that I join hundreds of thousands of families in being so appreciative for everything Fuller has done for so many hardworking Americans and for our country.●

HONORING BANGOR FLORAL COMPANY

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, this Saturday, we celebrate Valentine's Day, when couples across the world take a moment to slow down and show each other their appreciation and love. Along with "Be My Valentine" cards and boxes of chocolate, one of the symbols most connected with this special day is a beautiful bouquet of red roses. With that in mind, I rise to recognize a small florist in my home State of Maine that continually provides customers with quality flowers and gifts—and at this time of year, makes Valentine's Day a sweet event.

Bangor Floral Company, founded in 1925, is a historic floral shop located in downtown Bangor. Housed in a converted, turn-of-the-century church, Bangor Floral prides itself on fresh flowers, creative arrangements, and responsive customer service. From red and pastel roses, to bright lilies, chrysanthemums, and snapdragons, Bangor

Floral expertly prepares beautiful bouquets for any occasion. Bangor Floral also organizes a variety of fresh fruit baskets and gift baskets that include cookies, candies, stuffed animals, and balloons. To keep his flowers fresh, Phil Frederick, owner of Bangor Floral Company, purchases his flowers locally whenever possible, and does not pass any additional costs onto the customer. Mr. Frederick, a third generation florist, also offers his clients a 50 percent discount off all cut flowers from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. each afternoon, fashioning this sale a "happy hour."

Around Valentine's Day, Mr. Frederick engages in a creative and humorous television and radio advertising campaign for his flowers that residents from across the region will recognize. In his television ad, Mr. Frederick dresses as a doctor and carries a stethoscope, calling himself "Doctor Valentine." The popular ad has run in the Bangor area for several years, bringing smiles to the faces of his customers and increasing Mr. Frederick's sales.

Mr. Frederick is also very committed to the local community. A member of the Bangor Rotary Club, Mr. Frederick gives flowers to fellow Rotarians for their birthdays. He also donates flowers to various organizations across Bangor for fundraising purposes. Mr. Frederick is currently president of the Husson Alumni Board, as well as a board member of the Oncology Support Foundation, which provides resources and information to cancer patients and their families throughout Maine. The latter is a cause near and dear to Mr. Frederick, who is a cancer survivor himself. Additionally, the Bangor Rotary Club has honored Mr. Frederick by naming him a Paul Harris Fellow, as someone who has truly exhibited the creed of "service above self" in his everyday life.

In the era of online and telephone-based florists, Bangor Floral Company allows customers the opportunity to see and discuss the proper arrangement, and to truly "smell the roses." My sincerest thanks to Phil Frederick for all of his generous efforts, and my best wishes to everyone at Bangor Floral for a pleasant Valentine's season and a successful year.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 632. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes.

H.R. 908. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1) making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. OBEY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. CAMP of Michigan.

At 4:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 11. To amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 632. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 908. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of